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(Kind attn: Mr. Vivek D Koppikar, Examiner, ART Unit 3686)

Subject: patent application 10/735,333 filing date 12/12/2003 – Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Reference: your letter dated 07/27/2010.

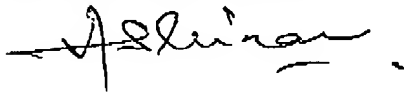
Dear Sir:

Reference is invited to your letter dated 07/27/2010 and following is the response to observations made by you:

1. Remarks are now on separate sheet.
2. The claims have been now identified with a status indicator.
3. Though the response to your letter dated November 19, 2009 was submitted in a timely manner, apparently there was a delay in receiving and uploading the response in USPTO system. The proof of timely dispatch of the response is being submitted to you in a separate communication.

I hope that the above clarifications address all your observations. Kindly let me know if there remains anything that still needs to be addressed, or if you have any further observations.

Respectfully submitted,



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